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SUBJECT: TITO PRE-COLOMBO INTERVIEW

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT TITO'S REMARKS CONCERNING THE  
AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AS CARRIED IN AUGUST 1 POLITKA:

1. BEGIN QUOTE: ATTEMPTS TO MAKE USE OF DIFFERENCES AMONG  
THE NONALIGNED(SUB-HEAD)
2. (TITO) "I MUST, NEVERTHELESS, STRESS THAT THE FORCES WHICH  
ARE INTERESTED IN PRESERVING EXISTING RELATIONS IN THE WORLD ARE  
ENDEAVORING, PRECISELY ON THE EVE OF COLOMBO, TO MAKE USE OF  
DIFFERENCES AMONG INDIVIDUAL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES. MOREOVER,  
THEY ARE EXAGGERATING THEM IN AN EFFORT TO CAUSE A SLPLIT AMONG  
THE NONALIGNED AND A WEAKING OF THEIR UNITY OF ACTION AND THEIR  
ROLE. THEREFORE IT IS NOT ACCIDENTAL THAT, PRECISELY ON THE EVE  
OF THE FIFTH CONFERENCE, THEY ARE PUTTING IN THE FOREFRONT CERTAIN  
CURRENT DISPUTES AMONG INDIVIDUAL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES.
3. I AM CONVINCED THAT NONALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE AWARE OF THE  
DANGER OF ATTEMPTS OF THIS KIND AND THAT THEY WILL MAKE MAXIMUM  
EFFORTS FOR THE PRESERVATION AND FURTHER STRENGTHENING OF UNITY.  
THE CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE NONALIGNED HELD SO FAR HAVE  
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GIVEN A SERIES OF POSITIVE EXAMPLES IN THAT RESPECT. IT SHOULD

NOT BE DOUBTED THAT THE SPIRIT OF UNITY AND SOLIDARITY WILL BE STILL MORE STRONGLY PRESENT AT THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE IN COLOMBO.

4. WE EXPECT THAT IN COLOMBO, AS WAS THE CASE AT THE CONFERENCES HELD SO FAR, WE ALL WILL CONCENTRATE ON WHAT IS ESSENTIAL AND WHAT IS OF COMMON INTEREST. I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE CONFERENCE WILL GIVE THE GREATEST SUPPORT TO EVERYTHING THAT IS IN KEEPING WITH PRINCIPLES, AND ESPECIALLY WHEN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, SOVERIGNTY OR THE VERY SURVIVAL OF SOME NONALIGNED COUNTRY OR NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT ARE THREATENED.

5. CAMPAIGN OF THE U.S. AMBASSADOR AGAINST THE SFRY (SUB-HEAL)

6. QUESTION: NEITHER IS YUGOSLAVIA SPARED THE PRESSURES YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT..

7. ANSWER: YES, ALMOST ALL NONALIGNED COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO VERY GREAT PRESSURES. YOU SEE WHAT PRESSURE IS NOW BEING EXERTED ON YUGOSLAVIA. HERE, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS U.S. AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE, SILBERMAN, HAS STARTED A CAMPAIGN AGAINST US IN AMERICA. JUST LOOK AT HOW HE BEHAVES. HE SAYS THAT IT PAYS TO EXERT PRESSURE ON YUGOSLAVIA AND HE CRITICIZES THOSE WHO THINK DIFFERENTLY. HE GIVES LESSONS ABOUT OUR DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICY, (HE) INTERFERES IN OUR AFFAIRS.

8. AND THIS TOO, IS A PART OF THE ATTEMPT TO SOMEHOW DISCREDIT OUR COUNTRY AMONG THE NONALIGNED BEFORE THE COLOMBO MEETING. BUT, IT CANNOT SUCCEED, IT CANNOT HAVE ANY IMPACT. AFTER ALL, SUCH PRESSURES DO NOT COME FROM THE PEOPLE, BUT ONLY FROM SOME CIRCLES. AND AS FAR AS YUGOSLAVIA IS CONCERNED, IT WILL CONTINUE TO CARRY OUT ITS POLICY AS IT HAS DONE UP TO NOW.

9. QUESTION: OUR COUNTRY ENJOYS A GREAT REPUTATION IN THE WORLD, AND THIS APPARENTLY IS ANNOYING SOME PEOPLE. (IS NOT TO THE LIKING OF SOME PEOPLE)

10. ANSWER: YUGOSLAVIA HAS MANY FRIENDS ABROAD. IT IS SO WELL KNOWN IN THE WORLD, FOR ITS CONTRIBUTIONS AND UNSELFISHNESS,  
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THAT IT IS NOT EASY TO ATTACK IT.

11. WE ENJOY A GREAT PRESTIGE (REPUTATION) IN THE WORLD, AND THIS IS BECAUSE OF OUR CONSISTENCY. WHEN WE DECLARE OURSELVES IN FAVOUR OF PRINCIPLES OR A COURSE, WHICH ALSO CORRESPOND TO OTHER PEOPLES, THEN WE NO LONGER HESITATE IN THAT RESPECT, BUT WE REMAIN PERSISTENT. BECAUSE OF OUR BROAD-MINDEDNESS AND ASSISTANCE

TO OTHERS--ALTHOUGH WE ARE A SMALL COUNTRY, WE GAVE AND ARE  
GIVING A CONSIDERABLE DEAL TO LIBERATION MOVEMENTS AND TO OTHERS  
WHO NEEDED IT --WE OFTEN SUFFERED CONSEQUENCES, NOT ONLY OF A  
MATERIAL, BUT ALSO OF A POLITICAL NATURE. BUT WE WANT TO GIVE  
AN EXAMPLE WITHOUT EMPHASIZING OUR OWN POLITICAL AND OTHER INTERESTS,  
OF HOW TO ASSIST COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. FOR US, THAT IS MORE  
IMPORTANT. AND IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN SHOWN, ON A LONG-TERM BASIS,  
THAT THIS IS ALSO MORE USEFUL TO US. END QUOTE.  
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